

shared her expertise with numerous political campaigns and ballot initiatives. Joan volunteered for nonprofit environmental organizations, libraries, schools, the Democratic Party and the League of Women Voters. For decades, Joan was a fixture in Montana politics, fighting for progressive causes across the State. If there was an opportunity to advocate for change or improve her community, Joan always showed up.

Throughout my 8 years in Montana Senate, it was not unusual to glance up to the senate gallery and see Joan sitting in the front row. She usually had a grandchild or two in tow, as she always went to great lengths to teach her grandchildren the importance of public service and significance of always showing up. She would beam as her grandchildren took in the scene and processed the importance of being involved. She knew that her last calling in life was to pass her experiences, stories, and wisdom onto the next generation.

Even in her last few years, as it grew increasingly difficult for her to get around, I saw Joan at most of the events I held in Helena. She would give me a hug and thank me for my work before venturing off to find who she really came to see: my wife, Sharla.

A year later, we still miss Joan every time we pass through Helena. Montana lost an incredible leader and an irreplaceable voice. As we move forward and aim to tackle the challenges facing our Nation, we must remember the lessons we learned from Joan. We must ask ourselves how we can step up and serve our country, like Joan did in her letter to Eleanor Roosevelt. We must take action to advocate for our beliefs, like Joan did when she founded the Montana chapter of the League of Women Voters. Finally, we must always show up, like Joan did until the last days of her life.●

RECOGNIZING HOLLY CLEGG

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses come in many different shapes and sizes. No matter their shape or size, one thing remains the same: small businesses are the brainchild of passionate individuals who seek to make their life and the lives of those in their community a better place. In this spirit, I would like to recognize Holly Clegg of Baton Rouge, LA, who took her passion for cooking and healthy eating and turned it into a business that has grown over the past 20-plus years.

From an early age, Holly had a keen interest in cooking. Her passion and entrepreneurial spirit drove her to start her own catering company while she was still in high school. As a student at Tulane University in New Orleans, Holly continued to perfect her passion through various cooking classes at the university. Upon graduation, she attended the Cordon Bleu Cooking School in London and then Cordon Bleu in Paris. Following this formal

training, Holly would marry unique Louisiana cuisine to the benefits of healthy eating in order to help people dealing with prevalent diseases and also launched and self-published a line of cookbooks. In 1993, after a local retail shop decided to stop selling cookbooks, Holly trailblazed her own road to success by promoting her first cookbook of the “trim&TERRIFIC” book series. Shortly after, she partnered with various organizations to develop cookbooks for heart patients, cancer patients, and arthritis patients. Having sold over 1 million cookbooks, her success has helped her gain notoriety, and she has appeared on various national media outlets to share her message of healthy eating.

During the month of October, in which we recognize and celebrate women-owned small businesses, I find it fitting to honor a female entrepreneur like Holly Clegg for capturing her God-given talent and building a business that has benefited so many. Her entrepreneurial spirit and a commitment to her passion has helped Holly share tasty recipes all across the country and help everyday Americans struggling with crippling diseases to eat better while still enjoying the many flavors of Louisiana cuisine.

Congratulations, Holly, and thank you for harnessing your talent and being a role model for all women entrepreneurs. Holly is just one of the many examples of female entrepreneurs taking their interests and talents and cultivating them into successful business opportunities, and for this, we honor her as Small Business of the Week.●

RECOGNIZING GENUSA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, one of Louisiana's best kept secrets is that our cuisine encompasses far more than oysters, gumbo, and boudin balls. In fact, Louisiana is home to a wide variety of culinary perspectives, often passed down from generation to generation, including this Small Business of the Week, the family-owned and operated Genusa's Italian Restaurant in Monroe, LA.

After spending years dreaming of sharing their Italian family recipes with friends and neighbors, Cherry and Francis Genusa took the entrepreneurial leap and opened their namesake restaurant in 1967. Using the original recipes passed down from Francis's mother and aunt, the couple offered up authentic Italian dishes to the Monroe community. For several years, Genusa's Italian Restaurant remained a hidden gem as Cherry and Francis did all the cooking, cleaning, table-waiting, and general management. This was in addition to raising their three children—Rachel, Ann, and Francis—who initially helped by rolling out meatballs and eventually were entrusted with more responsibilities.

Over the years, Genusa's Italian Restaurant became a Monroe favorite and

has enjoyed such success that it outgrew the original small kitchen and single dining room. Today Genusa's Italian Restaurant has grown to employ several Monroe locals who serve a dedicated clientele and also host celebratory occasions in their multiroom establishment. And Rachel, Ann, and Francis, who now run the restaurant continue with their family's tradition of growing their own herbs and tomatoes for their signature red sauce.

Congratulations to the Genusa family for nearly 50 years of small business success, and with that, I would like to formally recognize Genusa's Italian Restaurant as Small Business of the Week.●

RECOGNIZING HEALTHY IMAGE

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, the path to small business success is different for each person, and every so often, one will stumble across an idea that fulfills a niche, which then benefits both the entrepreneur and the surrounding community. As we continue to celebrate National Women's Small Business Month, I would like to recognize Healthy Image of Lake Charles, LA, as Small Business of the Week for its impressive work in helping neighboring businesses grow and succeed.

As a marketing director for a healthcare organization in the Lake Charles area, Kristy Armand recognized the demand for a local marketing agency that catered to medical groups. An entrepreneur at heart, Kristy jumped at the opportunity to utilize her experience in health care and marketing to develop her own small business. Kristy enlisted the help of Christine Fisher, an intern with whom she had worked nearly a decade before, and together the women behind Healthy Image landed their first client in 2002. Five years later, Barbara VanGossen joined the growing business as a partner and the creative director, and within 1 year, Healthy Image outgrew its original location, moved to a new office, and hired several more employees.

During this period, the Healthy Image team worked closely with the Louisiana Small Business Development Center, SBDC, at McNeese State University to provide marketing tips, financial consulting, and business advice with local entrepreneurs. Today, Healthy Image is made up of a team of specialists who provide an array of business services, including advertising, event planning, graphic design, social media, and branding to over 100 clients.

The success of Healthy Image has earned Kristy, Christine, and Barbara recognition on the national level. In 2013, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce selected Healthy Image as one of its distinguished Blue Ribbon Award winners with the title of being one of the “Top 100 Small Businesses in the Country.”

I would like to congratulate the inspiring team at Healthy Image and